

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Takuro IKEDA et al.

Serial No. 09/961,181

Group Art Unit: 3629

Confirmation No. 7175

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Examiner: Traci L. CASLER

For: INFORMATION GATHERING METHOD AND SYSTEM

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on December 26, 2006. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to January 26, 2007.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.